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[1](#)1. (SBU) ESTH Counselor discussed ref A demarche with Elizabeth Baldwin-Jones, Deputy Director of the Defence and Security Relations Division at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, on July 14. Baldwin-Jones said she and her colleagues had been in direct contact with EAP/RSP on the matter and confirmed that Canada was on board with the basic approach suggested by the United States and the basic elements proposed for inclusion in the ARF Chairman's statement.

[1](#)2. (SBU) She did note, however, that while greater civil-military cooperation in disaster preparation and response was of course positive, Canada still regarded as an issue defining the proper degree and timing of reliance on the military in responding to disasters.

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